normally higher than the maximum retail price of urea fixed by the Government under the Essential Commodities Act. Hence, subsidy is given on fertilizer producted to meet the excess cost over the maximum retail price fixed by the Government.

Import duty on life saving drugs

1070. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minster of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that essential life saving drugs that are imported, attract an import duty;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government plan to dismiss any or all import duty on essential life saving drugs that need to be imported and are not manufactured in India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) to (d) Most of scuh life saving drugs, not manufactured in India, do not attract any custom duty. However, if any such drug attracts duty.there is no proposal at present under consideration to exempt it.

Research Centres for reproductive fluid and tree improvement

†1071. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1430, given in the Rajya Sabha on 3rd August, 2001 and state:

(a) how many of the 35 afforestation Research Centres are functioning in Uttranchal;

(b) how many of the 200 Research Centres for reproductive fluid and tree improvement through genetics-are functioning in Uttranchal and the location thereof; and

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(c) the locations of nurseries set up in Uttranchal for providing plantation materials for better species of plants and their respective areas, in hectares?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) The Forest Research Institute, Dehradun of the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) had undertaken six research programmes on Tree Improvement in Uttranchal under the World Bank assisted Forestry Research Education and Extension Project.

(b) Out of 200 research projects on Genetics, Tree Improvement and Conservation of Germplasm, 21 such projects had been sanctioned for Uttranchal, the details of which are given in the statement enclosed (See below).

(c) ICFRE has set up a modern nursery admeasuring 2 Hectare at FRI, Dehradun for providing planting materials of improved planting stock of various species.

Statement

Research Centres for reproductive fluid and tree improvement to be answered on 26-7-2002

Sl No	Location of the Proejcts in Uttranchal	Number of
1.	Dehradun	05
2.	Haridwar	01
3.	Wimco, Rudrapur	02
4.	Kumaun University, Nainital	04
5.	G.B. Pant Agriculture University, Pant Nagar	04
6.	I.I.N.B. Garhwal University, Srinagar, Garhwal	05
	Total	21

Clearance of environmental projects in Maharashtra

1072. SHRI SATISH PARDHAN: Will the Minster ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of environmental projects from Maharashtra, pending for approval by Government alongwith the reasosn therefor;